AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A blister strip (20) for use in a fluid or powder inhaler, and including a plurality of blisters, each formed by a reservoir (21) including an opening (25) that is sealed in leaktight manner by a tearable layer (7, 5), wherein the blister strip comprises at least a base layer (6) that is provided with openings (25) forming the openings of the blisters, and a cavity layer (8) that is provided with cavities forming the blister walls (21), said tearable layer (7, 5) comprising a first tearable-layer portion (7) that is disposed between said base layer (6) and said cavity layer (8), and a second tearable-layer portion (5) that is disposed on the opposite side of said base layer (6), said first and second tearable-layer portions (7, 5) being connected together at each opening (25) of the base portion (6); wherein the blisters contain a pharmaceutical powder; and wherein the connection between the first tearable-layer portion and the second tearable-layer portion is provided all around the opening, such that the opening is opened in a clean and accurate manner without any residual portions of the tearable layer on the edges of the opening.

2. (original): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said first and second tearable-layer portions (7, 5) are made from the same material.

3. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said first and second tearable-layer portions (7, 5) are connected together as a single part in each opening (25) of the base layer (6).

4. (original): A blister strip according to claim 3, in which said single-part connection is made by fusing material.

5. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said tearable layer (7, 5) comprises polyethylene.

6. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which each of said first and second tearable-layer portions (7, 5) are constituted by a continuous film of polyethylene.

7. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which each of said first and second tearable-layer portions comprises a film having thickness that is less than 100 μm, advantageously lying in the range 10 μm to 40 μm, and preferably equal to 30 μm.

8. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said base layer (6) comprises polyester.

9. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said base layer (6) comprises a film having thickness that is less than 100 μm, advantageously lying in the range 40 μm to 60 μm, and preferably equal to 50 μm.

10. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said cavity layer (8) comprises polyethylene and/or polypropylene.

11. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said tearable layer (7, 5) further includes a first aluminum layer (2) that is fastened to said second tearable-layer portion (5).

12. (original): A blister strip according to claim 11, in which said first aluminum layer (2) has thickness that is less than 50 μm, advantageously lying in the range 10 μm to 30 μm, and preferably equal to 20 μm.

13. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 11, in which a polyester layer (4) and an adhesive layer (3) are disposed between said second tearable-layer portion (5) and said first aluminum layer (2).

14. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said tearable layer (7, 5) includes a first outer layer (1), preferably formed by a printer's varnish.

15. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said cavity layer (8) further includes a second aluminum layer (11).

16. (original): A blister strip according to claim 15, in which a polyester layer (9) and an adhesive layer (10) are disposed between said cavity layer (8) and said second aluminum layer (11).

17. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which said cavity layer (8) includes a second outer layer (13), preferably formed by a protective layer or by a layer of varnish, preferably interposed with an adhesive layer (12).

18. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which a strength of the adherence of the tearable layer (7, 5) to the base layer (6) between the openings (25) is different from a strength of the adherence in the proximity of said openings (25).

19. (previously presented): A blister strip according to claim 1, in which the blisters (21) contain a pharmaceutical powder.

20. (previously presented): A dry-powder inhaler comprising the blister strip (20) according to claim 1.

21. (currently amended): A blister strip for use in a fluid or powder inhaler, comprising:

a blister formed by a reservoir comprising a blister opening;

a first tearable layer sealing the blister opening;

a base layer above the first tearable layer and comprising a base layer opening corresponding to the blister opening;

a second tearable layer above the base layer and connected to the first tearable layer by a material connection passing through the base layer opening so that, upon lifting the second tearable layer, an edge of the base layer opening tears the material connection formed between the first tearable layer and the second tearable layer, thereby unsealing the blister opening wherein the blister contains a pharmaceutical powder; and wherein the connection between the first tearable layer and the second tearable layer is provided all around the blister opening.

22. (currently amended): The blister strip according to claim 21, wherein the first tearable layer and the second tearable layer ~~form~~ is part of an integral one-piece construction made from a single structural piece.